Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With regard to the answer to (*b*) and (*c*) of the question, may I know when it fell? Is it after the question went to the House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We have no information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is there anything in the Jail records. I have been responsible for making a very serious allegation against the Jail. I would like to know whether there is anything in the Jail records or the records of the Government to show the number of fallen trees in the Jail.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We should make detailed enquiries. Then only all these details could be known. We cannot get information simply by asking them for reports on answers to Legislative Council questions. We have to go there and look into the registers and make enquiries and go into further details before saying yes or no.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the light of these questions 88, 89 and 90, relating to the same subject, and having a bearing upon the very serious allegations with full responsibility I made in this House and the unpleasantness that will be created by pursuing these questions with supplementary questions, may I know from the Government whether in the light of the allegations, they will be pleased to appoint a committee to enquire into these allegations, and if they find that my allegations are true, take necessary action, and if they find my allegations are untrue, deal with me. That is the thing I want to say.

Mr. President: I have already given instructions to the Secretary to Government to visit the Jail and make a full searching enquiry and send a report (*Hear, hear*).

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: No better person can be selected.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the fruits have not been sold and money realised, and whether any register exists to show the receipts from this sale?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We can find this out from the cash book as to when the money was received. That is easy to find out.

CONVICTS WORKING IN THE SUPERINTENDENT'S QUARTERS

89. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether more than the allowed number of convicts had gone to the Superintendent's quarters in any of the months of Meenam, Medam, Edavam and Mithunam 1118;

(*b*) were convicts No. 296 and another, both good carpenters, sent for work at the Superintendents quarters in the above months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes. Carpenters were sent to the officers' quarters including the Superintendent's quarters as also to the Warders' Lines for attending to the P.C.R. works.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know what exactly is meant by "officers' quarters" in the jail precincts? Which are these officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There are the Jailor, Deputy Jailor and the warders. They have got official quarters there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: An answer is given that the carpenters were sent to the quarters for attending to P. C. R. works. Is this the information supplied from the Jail.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is the information given by the Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I may be permitted to club question 90 also to this, because they are allied, and ask supplementary questions.

Mr. President: Yes, both questions may be answered.

FURNITURE—SUPERINTENDENT'S QUARTERS IN CENTRAL JAIL

90. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are the Superintendent's quarters in the Central Jail furnished free with any furniture; if so, what are the items;

(*b*) is there not in the Superintendent's quarters now furniture worked with Jail timber and by convict carpenters?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Not furnished.

(*b*) Yes. One ordinary dining table and 2 benches have been supplied from the carpentary section in the Central Jail and the cost thereof paid by the Superintendent himself.

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